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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. Alcock, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. O. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GÖRICH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENDY & Co., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 180 & 184, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMÉDÉE PRINCE & Co., 39, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Posts generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLOR & Co., Square, Singapore. O. HEINSSEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—Mazzu, F. A. de Cruz, Susto, Quilon & Co., Amoy, Wilson, Nicholls & Co., Foochow, Hedge & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & Co.

## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000  
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$500,000  
RESERVE OF DIVIDENDS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASQUON.  
Deputy Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.  
C. D. BOTTOMLEY, H. HOPKINS, Esq.  
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M. GROVE, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.  
Hongkong,...THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER.  
Shanghai,...EDWARD GAMMON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 8 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

W. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 31, 1885. 2120

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£2,000,000

PAID-IN CAPITAL.....\$500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,  
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:  
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money or Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager,  
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1128

NOTICE:

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3d per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank*. Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

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For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

NOTICE:

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept

Risks on First Class Godowns at 1 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1885. 932

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between Mr. FRANCISCO MAMEDE GONCALVES and Mr. ANTONIO JOSE do ROZARIO, as ROZARIO & CO., Merchants, of Hongkong, has this Day been DISSOLVED by Mutual Consent.

Hongkong, December 31, 1885.

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WITH Reference to the above, I have This Day ESTABLISHED myself at this place, as MERCHANT, SHIPPING and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GONSALVES & Co.

F. M. GONSALVES.

14, Aberdeen Street,

Hongkong, January 1, 1886. 2290

### NOTICE.

WE HAVE authorized Mr. FRANK ERNEST NICHOL to sign our Firm per Procuration.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, January 4, 1886. 25

### NOTICE.

M. R. CECIL, WILLIAM HOLLIDAY is Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1886. 1

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

M. R. JOHN DAVEY, the SECRETARY, is authorized to sign for the Company in that Capacity.

JNO. P. HUMPHREYS,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, January 20, 1886. 138

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of MR. FRANCISCO MAMEDE GONCALVES in the Firm of Messrs. ROZARIO & CO., ceased on the 31st December last.

The BUSINESS will in future be carried on by the Undersigned alone, under the SAME Style as heretofore.

AGUSTO JOSE do ROZARIO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1886. 14

## Intimations.

THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT 1886 DOLLAR LOAN.

THE INTEREST due on the 18th day of January current, on the above LOAN, together with the BONDS DRAWN for Payment, will be Paid at the Office of this Bank on and after that date.

For Fixed Deposits—

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Hongkong, May 19, 1885. 932

## Consultation Free.

Discount to Missionaries and Families.

Sole Address—

2, DUDDELL STREET.

(Next to the New Oriental Hotel.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 66

## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE A FULL STOCK OF

#### New Saddlery and Saddlers' Goods,

Comprising—

FETLOCK BOOTS.

LADIES' HACK SADDLES.

GENTLEMEN'S HACK SADDLES.

RACING SADDLES.

SADDLE CLOTHES.

RACING SPURS.

MILITARY BOX SPURS.

HEAD COLLARS.

HEMP HALTERS.

BODY ROLLERS.

HORSE CLOTHING.

WOOLLEN GIRTHS.

CURRY COMBS.

MANE COMBS.

DRIVING GLOVES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 21, 1886.

## Intimations.



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF  
HONGKONG.

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

HAVE JUST LANDED.  
THE FOLLOWING

## STORES.

YORK HAMS.  
STILTON CHEESE.  
PUDDING RAISINS (Valencias).  
CURRENTS (Patras).

MINCEMEAT.  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
FIGS.  
ALMONDS and RAISINS.

BRAZIL NUTS.  
SOFT-SHELL ALMONDS.

MOTZ FRUITS.

CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS.

FRUITS in Syrups.  
IMPERIAL PLUMS.  
PLUM PUDDINGS.  
GOSAQUES.

## CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.

CONDENSED MILK.

KEROSINE LAMPS.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

COOKING STOVES.

PARLOUR STOVES.

—O—

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

## OILMAN'S STORES,

AND

## WINES,

at the

LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

FOR CASH.

## MacEWEN, FRICKEL &amp; Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1885. 2084

## WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now  
be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## Entertainments.

## THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL,

LAST PERFORMANCE.

THE ZARZUELA SPANISH OPERA  
COMPANY

will give their

LAST PERFORMANCE,

before returning to Manila,

## THIS EVENING,

23rd January, 1886.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle, \$2.00.  
Stalls, Front and Back, \$1.00.

Hongkong, January 23, 1886. 131

## THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency  
the Officer Administering the

GOVERNMENT  
(W. H. MARS).

A COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT

will be tendered to

M. R. F. M. P. G. E.

ON

WEDNESDAY,

the 26th January, 1886.

BY

LADY & GENTLEMEN AMATEURS,

on which occasion will be produced

HAWTHORNE'S CELEBRATED COMEDY

## THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Seats can now be booked at Messrs.

KELLY & WALKER, LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 20, 1886. 120

THE HONGKONG-CHORAL  
SOCIETY

intend giving

A CONCERT,

ON

## SATURDAY EVENING,

the 30th instant.

PART I.

Selections from

## THE MAY QUEEN.

PART II.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Further Particulars will be announced.

ALFRED J. MAY,

Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 114

## Notices to Consignees.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FROM BATAVIA, SINGAPORE,  
AND SAIGON.

THE Company's S.S. *Borneo* having ar-  
rived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of China by her are hereby informed that  
their Goods, with the exception of Opium,  
are being landed at their risk into JAPONE,  
MATHESON & Co.'s West Point Godowns,  
whose delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
25th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 18, 1886. 115

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenfinnans* having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo by her are hereby informed that  
their Goods, with the exception of Opium,  
are being landed at their risk into the  
Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or  
from the Wharves or Botta delivery may  
be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before  
NOON To-MORROW, the 19th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
26th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 18, 1886. 123

## To-day's Advertisements.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 26th January, 1886, at 2 p.m., at his  
Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

AN ASSEMBLAGE OF

JAPANESE WAR E.

comprising—

KANGA, ISHARI, KIOTO, TOKIO and SAT-

SUMA VASES, JARS, BOWLS, PLATES, TEA-

SETS, ENAMELED WARE, BRONZE, EM-

BRICOLIERIES, EMBROIDERED SCREENS,

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 23, 1886. 159

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF  
SYDNEY* will be despatched for San  
Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATUR-  
DAY, the 13th February, at 3 p.m., taking  
Passengers and Freight for Japan, the  
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America, by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who  
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San  
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa),  
within six months, will be allowed a discount  
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking  
within one year, an allowance of 10% will  
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re-  
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,  
will be issued at a Discount of 25% from  
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply  
to through fares from China to Japan  
to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4  
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel  
Packages will be received at the office until  
5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

Consular Invitations to accompany Cargo  
destined to ports beyond San Francisco  
should be sent to the Company's Offices in  
Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector  
of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 603, Queen's Road Central.

O. D. HARTRAN,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 23, 1886. 168

FIELD & SWINE.

## To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates  
for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports  
on the YANGTSEK.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Koonting,  
Capt. BALDWIN, will be  
despatched as above on  
MONDAY, the 25th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 23, 1886. 157

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Co.'s Steamship  
Haiphong,  
Capt. F. ASHWELL, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on TUESDAY, the 20th Instant, at  
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPEAK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 23, 1886. 165

## N O T I C E .

S. S. SAN PABLO, JANUARY 17, 1886.

THIS is to Certify that Mr. D. R. Ross,

Steward of the Steamship *San Pablo*, is  
thoroughly acquainted with the Chinese  
ways and habits, and knows how to manage  
large numbers of Chinese passengers better  
than any man we know. Some we have  
crossed the Ocean with Mr. Ross  
several times, when he was in the *Belgic*  
and the *Copie*; and some of us have been  
good many other ships, but we have never  
seen passengers so quiet and so satisfied  
as they have been under Mr. Ross's  
management. We recommend all gentle-  
men who have been passengers on other  
ships to go in the *San Pablo*. She is a  
new ship, well built, and has a good  
crew. Her management is excellent. We  
recommend all gentlemen who have  
been passengers on other ships to go in the  
*San Pablo*.

For *Yung Ching*, *Chao*, *Amoy* and *Taiwan*,

*Shantou*, *Hoochow*, *Fakhot*, *Hoitow*,  
*Orates*, *for Shanghai*, *Kwang Lee*, *for Shantung*.

DEPARTURES.

JANUARY 23.—

Arrivals.

DEPARTURES.

**FRAGRANT WATERS MURMUR.** That the China New Year is almost upon us, and we have had no big fire. That the Chinese show no desire to open up the Canton River, and will never do, until pressure is applied from Peking. That the Kwangtung Provinces will be flooded once more when the rains set in, and we shall be again asked to feed the hungry.

That the well-to-do in China, either European or native, do not grudge such help, but that they do insist upon precautionary and preventive measures being taken.

That the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce has been very quiet lately.

That the Press Protection Bill is a useless piece of work, and represents so much time thrown away.

That, as it is not a great credit to the Law Revision Committee or to the Attorney General, it might be allowed to slide gracefully into the limbo of forgetfulness.

That even in India the Vernacular Press Law had to be materially modified lately, and some of the Hindu sheets would beat any in Hongkong for virulence.

That the work of the Law Revision Committee will need the closest revision by the Council, but that it does not seem likely to get it.

That by the time the present law is revised and codified, a new generation and a new code will have arisen.

That in the meantime I am looking out for a Bill to suppress 'Brownie.'

That in the last batch of ordinances, the 'usual explanatory paragraph styled "Objects and Reasons" is missing.

That the Public probably does not object to some temporary measure for regulating the Chinese newspapers until they have learnt what is expected of them.

That, at the same time, some explanation should have been given, even in this benighted Crown Colony.

That the Poss Bill is not likely to hurt any one very much, but that it is foolish to sling mud around promiscuously for the sake of an idea.

That His Excellency the Administrator will do well promptly to snuff out every attempt to tamper with the freedom and protection which this bit of British soil is still supposed to ensure, and that he should teach the Chinese mandarins a lesson.

That the time has come when the fullest protection should be accorded by Great Britain to all certified Hongkong-born Chinese, and to properly-naturalised Chinese, wherever they go.

That a photograph attached to the 'Protection' certificate of each subject would go far to prevent abuses, and thus do away with the necessity for any distinctive dress, which could compromise will never work.

That H. E. the Administrator has here an opportunity of taking the bull by the horns, and doing good service to England and China—as well as to this Colony—by settling this much-vaunted question.

That endless trouble will continually arise if this matter is left as it now stands.

That a man's watch is not particularly safe in Queen's Road, even although it may be ticking quietly in his pocket.

That such street robberies as those which now take place so frequently, call for special measures.

That the constant raids by armed men which are now reported should be put down with a firm hand, and that the Chief Justice is to be apprised for his plain and straightforward declaration on this subject.

That the regulation rations on the breach is the only cure for hardened and daring criminals.

That murmurs from Mauritius have taken the shape of deep-seated and ominous growls, and that Sir J. Pope Hennessy's room there would be much more appreciated than his company.

That the prophecy of Hongkong has been fulfilled, and that it will be so to the end.

That your contemporary ran his head against a very thick wall when he took exception to officials joining in harmless amusements.

That it reminds me of a certain Governor who warned certain officials against taking part in the Choral Society's performances.

That the Public had a good laugh then, and that they have again laughed heartily this week.

That the 'Snowdrops' still live.

That Mr. Wise does well in doubling the fines on scampish men who, after they have been punished once or twice, persist in clinging to steamers in motion in Harbour.

### BROWNIE.

#### CRICKET.

CLUB v. NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE GARRISON.

The return match between these teams was played on the Cricket Ground to-day and yesterday, and ended in an overwhelming victory of the team from the Garrison. Yesterday the ground was rather slippery owing to the recent rain, and scoring was not so rapid as usual; but to-day, the Club scored freely and ran up the handsome total of 228. In the Club's first innings Dr Scanlon and Mr. Robson headed the list with 47 and 24 respectively, and the others were of a more searching character. I think the result must be considered of a higher order. This year I introduced as a novelty into the examination of the first-class a 'General Intelligence' paper. Its object was to discover how far the boy-soldiers were educated outside the prescribed geography, arithmetic and grammar; but

routine. 32 per cent passed, and, considering the novelty of the paper, I hope this may be considered satisfactory. In the past year we may note the arrival of Mr. Jones, from Chester Training College, and the graduation of Mr. Hutchinson on leaving the Colony. Mr. Hutchinson had for three years proved himself a most energetic, successful and popular master, and we were very sorry to lose him. A scheme for advertising six pupil-teachers, with a view to providing efficient Chinese teachers for the new school, was approved by the Secretary of State, and we can only wait for the building to be fairly commenced to put it into execution. Another intended to test the mathematical skill of a boy, and was: 'If a kite were flying in the air, and you particularly wanted to know, to ascertain its height, how would you go about it?' This does not require any very advanced mathematics, but I know from experience that a great many boys would fail in it. I am detained you too long, but if the work can be at all fairly estimated from what I saw in our early going through the papers, Hongkong people and you Chinese boys and men are most immensely to be congratulated. I am without hesitation, if may venture upon such an assertion, that the education given here will compare favourably with the education given in the best schools and colleges in the old country (Applause). I say the composition was very poor; it was wonderfully good for Chinese, far better than we can write in English. If Mr. Wright will allow me I will offer a prize to the boy who comes out top in English Composition.

Mr. Wright—Mr. Bain, of the China Mail, gives me a prize for this subject.

Mr. Sharp—Then may I change it to the other paper, that of General Intelligence. Would you kindly give the prize to the boy who comes out highest in that paper?

Mr. Wright—With pleasure.

Mr. Sharp—And if you will allow me I will put in a couple of questions myself. I have no more to say except one word to my English friends round me. If you good Hongkong people are choosing to give such magnificent good education to the Chinese—I should be the last to take exception to it—what are you going to do with your sons to keep them absent of it, and who caught over to be ahead of it? And you Chinese men and boys, for I see there are both among you, may you prove worthy of this very, very grand education you are receiving.

His Excellency then distributed the prizes. At the conclusion of the distribution, His Excellency said—The boys will now go for their holidays, and return after the New Year. I take this opportunity of informing the visitors here that only a portion of the boys attending the school are present. This room will not accommodate more than 180, whereas there are 412 attending the school, so that you only see a small portion of those who are receiving their education here. When the new building is completed, I believe the Hall will be sufficiently large to admit the whole of the pupils.

Chairs having been given for the Queen, the Administrator, Mrs. Marsh, the Head Master, Visitors, and Donors of Prizes, the gathering dispersed.

**OCCASIONAL TURF NOTES.** Some smart showers of rain last night cleared the overladen atmosphere, and after sunrise this morning we had a bright pleasant air, which made a visit to the Course very agreeable. Some ladies favored us with their presence and the usual proceedings were varied by measurements for the closing of the entries which take place to-day. Toad got his big pony in a very sharp shave; he waxed very smart when the mark on the measuring rod showed 'too much topsoil'; however, he scraped in.

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## LORD TENNYSON'S NEW POEMS.

*Tirsis and Other Poems* is the title of the work, which is dedicated to Robert Browning. The Poet Laureate does not disclose much power or freshness in his verse, except here and there, and in *Tirsis*, perhaps, the following is the best:

Then, in my wanderings all the lands that lie Subjected to the Master's fall, altho' my went Was more to scale the big-est of the hills. With some strange hope to see the God. The hills well up, and, as the sun Went down, the shadows of the sun Would climb from out the dark, and linger there To silver all the valleys with their light. The winds were dead, the tide was still. Of years, the day, the winds were dead for heat; The shadowy day made the land sick; And when the sun had set, the wind did blow, Found silence in the hollow intercaves.

There is a line in the poem:

Dawn comes climbing from the bath,  
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## A DARING DEED.

## AN INCIDENT OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.

One of the most daring achievements of the war, involving skill, courage and good judgment, was the capture and destruction of the armed schooner *Judge* in Pensacola Harbour.

This craft was securely moored to a wharf, commanded by a heavy battery, with one on each side was a navy yard, with 1200 men within, and on the other hand a look-out patrolled by armed men. The schooner evidently was to be a privateer and was being overhauled as rapidly as possible. It had been ascertained from reliable sources that both pivot and broadside guns were already in position on board, and that an armed guard was on the alert continually.

Pensacola had been betrayed into the hands of the Confederates and at the same time the schooner, which was a strong, stanch vessel and admirably adapted for a fleet, effective privateer, fell into their possession.

The blockading fleet was well aware of what was transpiring within the harbor, and every night, no matter what the condition of the weather might be, picket boats rowed backward and forward, penetrating as far into the hostile waters as was prudent, and keeping the dangerous vessel under vigilant surveillance at all times. But grave doubt and fears existed as to the ability of the blockaders to prevent the schooner from eventually getting to sea. Once afloat, with the broad Atlantic before her, the damage she might be able to inflict upon unarmed merchantmen before destroying herself would be beyond all conjecture.

A stormy, dark night with a favoring wind and the passage might be effected. Delays were dangerous. The public feeling and sentiment were such that no excuses or extenuating circumstances would be likely to be accepted. Honor, position, reputation, all might be sacrificed in one foul swoop; and those remained but one alternative. The situation of the schooner had been well chosen to resist an attack, and the chance would be greatly against the success of the cutting-out expedition.

But the senior officer of the fleet had made up his mind not to allow the schooner to escape, without at least attempting to cut short her career. It would involve death, perhaps defeat, perhaps both, but the overthrow of the schooner was of sufficient importance to balance all objections.

A boat expedition was fitted out from the old frigate *Caledonia*, embracing the launch, forty men; second cutter, twenty-six men, and third cutter, twenty men, including marines, officers and all.

It was September, mild and pleasant, with the stars partially obscured by the light fleecy clouds floating lazily over head. The surface of the water was dark and smooth as glass, while a short distance off objects could only be distinguished with difficulty and keen eyes. The crew fled over the gangway, fully impressed with the desperate nature of the undertaking. Sharp cutlasses were buckled around their waists, while rifles, revolvers, hatchets, hand-grenades, files, hammers and keen, glittering boarding-pikes had been served out with a liberal hand.

In order to distinguish friend from foe, all were as a distinguishing mark a white cap, which they were cautioned to preserve for their own safety. Like shadows, with muffled calls, the boats pulled out from the hulls, and the noiseless, silent, twenty men, including marines, officers and all.

It was early in the morning when the boats, in line, took a hasty survey of the situation. The schooner, grim and silent, was before them. It was arranged that two boats should board the schooner and destroy her, while the balance of the force effected a landing and attacked the battery. With simultaneous splash the oars dipped in the water, the boats were headed towards the prize, and when eighty yards distant were hauled, followed by the rattle of rifles and the whistling of balls over the heads of the sailors.

In an instant the men on the schooner were awokened, and, grasping their arms, rushed to their appointed posts. They were dazed by sleep and taken by surprise, so their firing was both wild and ineffectual. No one was hurt, although the air was full of hissing masses. Stimulated by the thickening dangers around them, the black jackets bent to their oars, and were partially concealed by the smoke that settled down heavily upon the surface of the water, and while one party leaped over the rail of the schooner, the other charged the battery, which, strange to say, was in the keeping of one man. He was shot, the gun exploded, and that portion of the enterprise affected without the spilling of a drop of the blood of the attacking party.

On board the schooner a desperate conflict was raging. The confederates stoutly defended their vessel, fighting hand to hand with their adversaries. Taking to the rigging, detachments of men gained the tops, loading and firing with great rapidity. But the menses assuming such close quarters it became all but impossible to distinguish friend from foe. The crack of rifles, the clash of steel, the muffled reports of revolvers pressed close to the bodies of the combatants mingled with the bursting of hand-grenades, shouts, yells and groans.

Gradually the defenders of the schooner were driven back, forced across the deck, slippery with blood, and compelled to gain the shelter of the wharf, when they were reinforced by the shore detachment now rapidly mustering, and the fight was renewed with increased fury.

During the progress of the combat an assistant engineer, aided by a coal-pass, gained the cabin of the schooner unobserved. Turpentine and combustibles were thrown around with a lavish hand and the torch applied. Creeping into the hold, a second fire was kindled. The flames spread rapidly, and the fate of the vessel being assured, the daring officer and his assistant beat a hasty retreat, well satisfied with their share of the night's work.

Suddenly a glimmer of light shot athwart the dark sombre shadows encompassing the schooner. A lurid glare revealed with startling distinctness the features of the opposing forces. Through the stylized compass-points and air-ports the flames blazed forth, roaring and crackling as they gained headway, while above all echoed a yell of rage from the Southerners, as they realized that the destruction of the privator was now but a question of time.

Rapidly the flames spread, running up the rigging and enveloping the tall spars in one universal sheet of destruction, while the increasing heat from the flames compelled both parties to fall back beyond their anchorage.

By this time the entire force of the yard had been aroused. Large bodies of men flocked to the wharf, in time to see four large boats, filled with white-capped inmates, pull rapidly away and disappear in the gloom. The roar of the flames was a satisfactory accompaniment to the lively tones of the deep-mouthed howitzers which the boats were armed, and several rounds of sharp-shotted iron sent into the dense ranks of the discomfited rebels. The review had been conducted in a masterly manner, the forces disengaged and re-embarked at the right time, and not a man left as a prisoner in the hands of the enemy.

The schooner, fresh from her moorings by the fire, drifted from the wharf, a charred and broken mass. Slowly she sank when opposite fort Barrancas.

The expedition reached the *Colorado* in time for an early breakfast, and were received by the wake and rapturous greetings of their friends.

Some idea of the severity of the fighting may be formed when it was discovered that nearly one-fifth of the attacking force had either been killed or wounded. —Union Jack in S. F. Chronicle.

## THE ANGLO-INDIAN BOY.

(*Arat* to 9.)  
(*Pioneer*.)

Some correspondent in some paper lately—George Augustus Sala is, I think, the individual—was pleased to make some critical and satirical remarks about certain American children on board ship. It would be hard to be more severe on any children of any sort or description than that was done of these American children; and yet there is such a thing as the Anglo-Indian boy.

The pathetic side of this "thing" character has been already done more than justice to by Al Baba; but at the stage of its existence I do not propose to notice the thing. It is not the "thing" character—it is human—so surely as its grandfathers and grandmothers and nurses and clergymen, &c., have barred the name of "devil," it becomes a "thing." Perhaps nothing more pathetic in the way that "Baby" is.

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There are pains about the chest and sides, and sometimes in the back. The mouth has a bad taste, especially in the morning; and there are feelings of dulness. The appetite is poor, a sort of sticky slimy collects about the teeth, there is a feeling as of a heavy load on the stomach, and sometimes in the faint, all-gone sensation at the pit of the stomach, which food does not satisfy. The eyes are sunken, the hands and feet become cold and feel clumsy. After a while a cough sets in, at first dry, but attended in the course of a few months—with expectation of a greenish colour. The sufferer feels constantly tired, and sleep will not afford him rest. Nervous irritability, and evil forebodings follow. When, suddenly, there is a giddiness, a sort of whirling sensation in the head. The bowels become constipated—the skin is dry and hot at times; the blood becomes thick and stagnant; the whites of the eyes are tinged with yellow; the urine is earthy and high coloured; depositing a sediment after standing. There is frequently a splitting up of this food—at times with a sour taste and at others with a sweetish taste. This is often attended with palpitation of the heart or impaired vision, with spots before the eyes, accompanied by great prostration and weakness. All of these symptoms are in turn present. It is thought that nearly one-third of our population has this disease in some of its varied forms. Medical men have mistaken it for Dyspepsia or Indigestion; for which a certain remedy is to be found in Mother Seigle's Syrup—a medicine which has won in both hemispheres a confidence founded only on its great virtues. The Syrup can be obtained from any chemist or medicine-vendor, or from the proprietors, A. J. Wurts (Limited), 17, Farringdon Road, London, E.C.

## OVER THE SUNSHINE OF EXISTENCE HANGS A BLACK CLOUD.

With the uncertainty of life is mingled the dark mystery of death! While, on the one hand, we catch the welcome sound of a new broath of life that tells of an addition to our species, on the other we shudder as we hear the rushing wings of the Destroying Angel! The mighty voice of the great Influence which rules the Universe has pronounced our fate; the dread has gone forth, and every mortal man is doomed to die! But, though we cannot prevent, can we postpone death? The question is momentous, even if it concerns the long-longation of life but by a single hour, as much as every instinct prompts us to fight the boldest battle we can for this glorious reward was now but a question of time.

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